Open Seasons for Trapping

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Beaver	Delta Group area	15 October to 15 May
	Fort Good Hope Group area	20 October to 5 June
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	15 October to 15 May
	C, D, E, F	15 October to 31 May

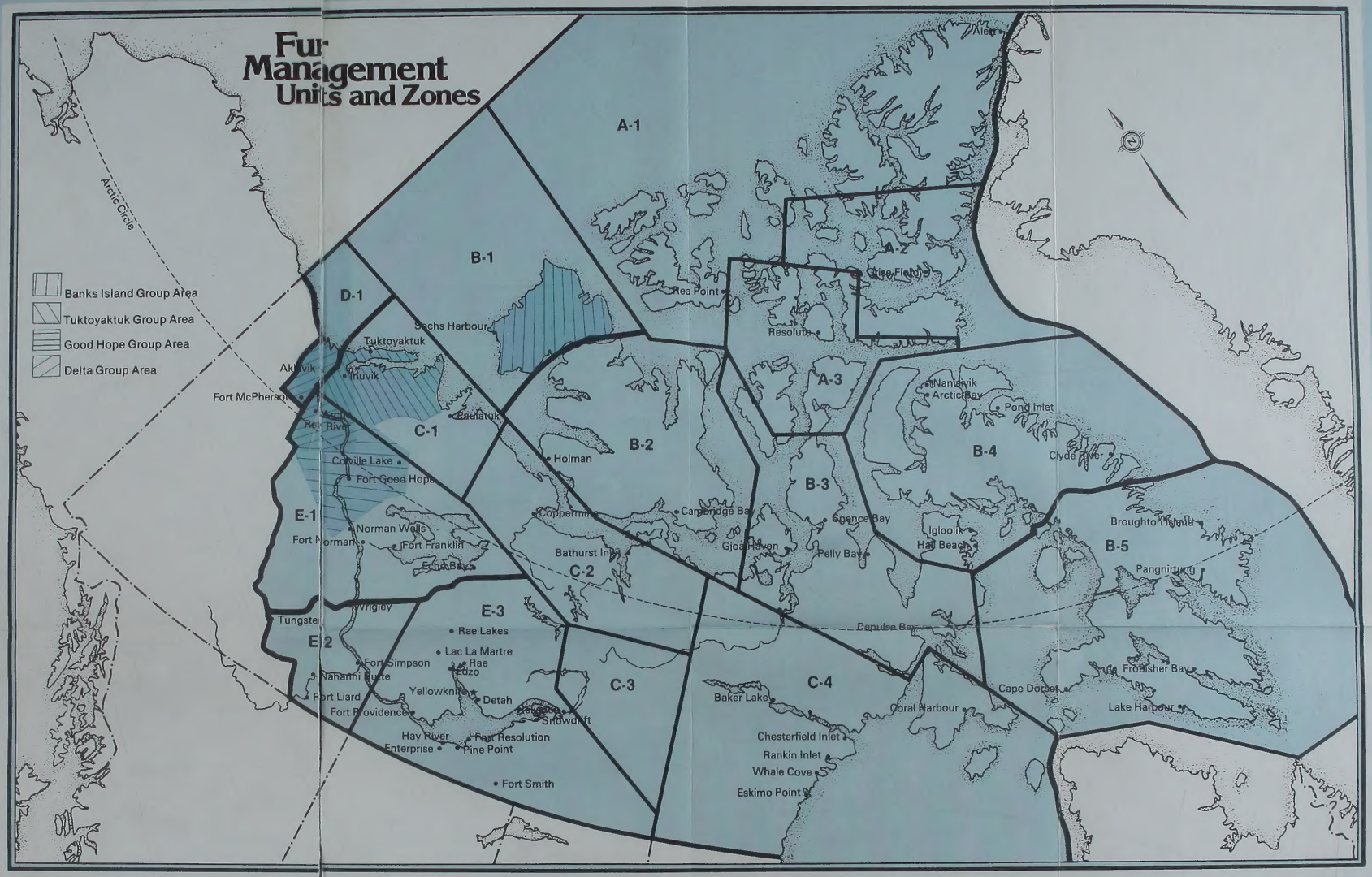
Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Ermine	Delta Group area	10 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	15 October to 15 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 15 April
	A, B, C, D, E, F	1 November to 15 March

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Fisher	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 28 February
	C, D, E, F	1 November to 15 March

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Fox (all species)	Banks Island Group area	1 November to 20 April
	Delta Group area	1 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 March
	A, B/2	1 November to 30 April
	C, D, B/1, B/3, B/5	1 November to 15 April
	E	1 November to 28 February
Fox, Arctic	B/4	15 November to 30 April
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 November to 15 April
Fox, coloured	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 November to 15 March

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Lynx	Delta Group area	1 November to 31 March
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 15 April
	C	1 November to 15 April
	D, E, F	1 November to 15 March

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Marten	Delta Group area	1 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	25 October to 5 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 28 February
	C, D, E/2, F	1 November to 28 February
	E/1, E/3	1 November to 15 March



Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Mink	Delta group area	10 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	10 November to 5 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 28 February
	C, D, E, F	1 November to 28 February

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Muskrat	Delta Group area	1 March to 15 June
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 June
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 25 June
	C/1, C/2, D, E/1	15 October to 15 June
	E/2, E/3, F	15 October to 31 May

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Otter	Delta Group area	1 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 28 February
	C, D, E, F	1 November to 28 February

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Squirrel (all species)	All the N.W.T.	1 July to 30 June

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Wolf	Delta Group area	1 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 15 April
	All zones except C/2, C/3, C/4, E/1	1 November to 31 March
	C/2, C/3, C/4	1 November to 15 April
	E/1	1 November to 15 March

Species	Fur Management Unit/Zone/Area	Open Season
Wolverine	Delta Group area	1 November to 28 February
	Fort Good Hope Group area	1 November to 15 March
	Tuktoyaktuk Group area	1 October to 15 April
	All zones except C/2, C/3, C/4, E/3	1 November to 30 April
	C/2, C/3, C/4, E/3	1 November to 15 April

Notice

The information contained in this brochure has no official sanction. It has been prepared for convenience and reference only for trappers and prospective trappers. Further information may be obtained from the nearest wildlife officer.

Copies of the Wildlife Ordinance and/or Wildlife Regulations are available for a fee, from:

Publications Division
Department of Information
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
X1A 2L9

Marketing:

Trappers may market their fur by any of the following methods:

1. Pelts may be sold locally to the holder of a Fur Dealer Licence or Travelling Fur Dealer Licence (i.e. Hudson Bay Co., Co-op, etc.)
2. Trappers may take their pelts to the local Wildlife Officer and have the fur shipped to the auction of their choice. A fur advance of up to 75 per cent of the total worth of the pelts may be obtained from the Wildlife Officer.
3. Pelts may be shipped directly to the fur auctions by the trappers. Dates and locations of the auctions are available from the local Wildlife Officer.

Note:
If option two or three is exercised, the trapper must first obtain an export permit before shipping any furs. The permits cost $1.00 and are available from the Wildlife Officer.

Grants and Loans:

Holders of General Hunting Licences and Special Trapping Licences who wish to pursue trapping on a full-time basis may apply for:

1. Trapper's Assistance — Outfitting Advance.

   This program provides for advances of up to $1,500 a season for trapping equipment, food, and aircraft charters, to encourage and assist trappers to reach their trapping areas and to trap.

2. Trapper's Incentive Grants.

   These grants are offered to assist trappers who are serious about their profession and show good faith in honouring debts incurred under the Trapper's Assistance Program. The amount of the grant is based on a percentage of the preceeding years income from sale of furs.

3. Fur Advances.

   Recoverable advances are offered to assist the trappers in disposing of their furs at southern auction houses. The program provides for advances of up to 75 per cent of the value of the fur being shipped.

For more information on these and any other programs which may be available to trappers, please contact your local Wildlife Officer.

Licences

If an application is approved, and after the appropriate licence has been issued:

1. The holder of a Special Trapping Licence may hunt fur-bearing animals;
2. The holder of a Registered Trapping Area Licence may hunt fur-bearing animals exclusively in the fur management area specified in the licence;
3. The holder of a Registered Group Trapping Area Licence may hunt fur-bearing animals exclusively in the fur management area specified in the licence. All rights belong to the group named in the licence.

Trapping licences are valid from the date of issue to

1. In the case of Special Trapping Licences, 30 June next following.
2. In the case of Registered Trapping Area Licences and Registered Group Trapping Area Licences, 30 June five years after issue.

Fur must be sold under the authority of a General Hunting Licence or Special Trapping Licence.

General

Trappers may not use or be in possession of, while hunting, any of the following items or equipment:

1. poison
2. set guns
3. a four or eight-gauge shotgun
4. an automatic firearm
5. recorded game calls or sounds or any mechanically or electrically-operated calling device.

No person shall chase, worry, harass or molest wildlife unless they intend to kill it.

A trapper may effect minor damage to a beaver dam or muskrat push-up while trapping. Care should be taken to avoid freeze-ups of muskrat push-ups.

Fur-bearing animals can be hunted with firearms, snares, deadfalls and traps.

Except for the meat of bear, wolf, wolverine and coyote, big game meat cannot be used for the purpose of hunting fur-bearing animals.

Fees

General Hunting Licence	None
Special Trapping Licence	$10.00/yr.
Registered Trapping Area Licence	$10.00/5 yrs.
Registered Group Trapping Area Licence	$5.00/5 yrs.

Any person other than an officer, who removes, molests, springs or interferes with any equipment legally set for trapping fur-bearing animals is guilty of an offence.

Any equipment used to hunt fur-bearing animals must be removed or rendered harmless on or before the last day of each season. Such equipment may not be set before the first day of a season.

An officer may seize for examination any wildlife that he has reason to believe is diseased.

A licensed trapper may sell, trade or barter skins and pelts hunted by himself.

Export of Wildlife

It is illegal to export or receive for export any wildlife other than a manufactured product, outside of the Territories, unless the shipment has attached thereto an export permit that contains a true statement of the species and quantities contained in the shipment.

Trapping

The Wildlife Ordinance makes provision for citizens of Canada and landed immigrants who have lived in the Northwest Territories for two years, and the holders of General Hunting Licences, to trap fur-bearing animals (beaver, coyote, ermine, fisher, fox, lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, squirrel, wolf, wolverine).

Application for Licence

There are four types of licences that allow a person to trap:

General Hunting Licence

(Special provisions have been made for a person to qualify for this type of licence — see the nearest Wildlife Officer for details.)

Special Trapping Licence

Only a resident (citizen of Canada or a landed immigrant who has lived in the Northwest Territories for a period of two years) may apply for this type of licence. In order for an individual's application to be considered, he must first receive a favourable recommendation from the Hunters' and Trappers' Association for that area. If the H.T.A. approves an application, it may impose terms and conditions that restrict the licence holder's activity. These licences may be renewed annually upon favourable recommendation of the H.T.A. each year.

Registered Trapping Area Licence

Upon favourable recommendation of the local H.T.A. or Band Council, the holder of a General Hunting Licence may obtain this type of licence. Once issued, the licence is valid for five years, and confers exclusive rights to the holder to trap fur bearers in that area. If the holder of a registered trapline can satisfy the Superintendent that he cannot operate the line temporarily, the Superintendent may authorize another person to operate that line on behalf of the licence holder. Once the licence holder returns to the line, the other person's authority to operate the line automatically expires. The Superintendent may also allow the holder of a Special Trapping Licence to assist a Registered Trapline Area Licence holder.

Registered Group Trapping Area Licence

Only General Hunting Licence holders may obtain this type of licence upon agreement from the local H.T.A. or Band Council. Once issued, the licence is valid for five years and confers exclusive rights to the holder to trap fur bearers in that area. Upon receipt of a written application signed by at least two-thirds of the members of a group, the Superintendent shall amend the list of names in the group licence.

Application forms are available from Wildlife Service Officers.

Wildlife Service Offices

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N.W.T. Wildlife Service
Department of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Regional Offices

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Regional Superintendent
Wildlife Service
Department of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Cambridge Bay, N.W.T.
X0E 0C0 **Phone (403) 983-2139**

Fort Smith Region

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Department of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Fort Smith, N.W.T.
X0E 0P0 **Phone (403) 872-2023 Ext. 148**

Baffin Region

Regional Superintendent
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Government of the Northwest Territories
Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.
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Inuvik Region

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Department of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
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Keewatin Region

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Wildlife Service
Department of Renewable Resources
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